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ALBERTA ELKS NEWS



Off to an EPIC Start!



So "some" people it seemed didn't inherit those little iron deposits in their nose for help while traversing... did you know

12 years ago Kelly became District Deputy for District #13. Her first official duty was to make it to Camrose for DD training. Everyone gave her directions and said turn at Killiam you can't miss it!

So She did just that.....and ended up in Two Hills.

Fitting that her first "official visit" as Provincial President was to go to Camrose on September 24th as today she found Killiam

Who else thinks that part of the President's travel items should be a GPS system??

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Did you know the Barons Elks has contributed a total of \$105, 896 over the last 14 years? The members have donated \$6,740.00 alone to the Fund for Children AND in 2019 the Lodge donated over \$10,000 to community projects in the Village of Barons. If that isn't amazing we don't know what is!

Sherwood Park Elks



It was so great to meet with Sherwood Park Elks' Heather McLeod. The @ElksOfCanada are recognized for their service to children with hearing impairments through their national charity, Elks and the Royal Purple Fund for Children. I learned in our meeting that the Elks have done even more throughout Sherwood Park and Internationally. Each year through fundraising, community projects and other activities the Elks raise over 15 million dollars to assist children and families.

Stavely Campground Wrap Up



****Clear Lake Work Bee
and wrap up supper****

The Stavely ELKS and ROYAL purple volunteers were hard at work this weekend giving the CLEAR LAKE HALL and EAST bathrooms a makeover!

Lots of work, food and fun!

These exciting renovations will make our facilities that much better for our campers next season!

Thank you everyone for your hard work!!

AWESOME PROGRAM!!



KIDS CAN PLAY

SPORTS EQUIPMENT PROGRAM

THIS PROGRAM SERVICES ALL CHILDREN FROM HALKIRK, EAST TO
THE BORDER AND ALL OF PAINTEARTH COUNTY

FREE PROGRAM TO GEAR UP KIDS TO PLAY

**BASKETBALL BASEBALL
HOCKEY GOLF SOCCER
AND MORE!**

CALL OR EMAIL MATT PEACOCK FOR MORE INFORMATION OR FOR A FITTING

mattpeacock1984@gmail.com

587-877-1146

BECAUSE ALL KIDS SHOULD GET TO PLAY!

#KIDSCANPLAY

Congratulations Helen!



To an amazing volunteer from our lodge who has received her 60 year pin and her life time membership. Congratulation Helen Evjen!!

Time Marches On... And So Can you!



Have you ever wondered how the Patrol Team makes it look so easy at Installation every year?

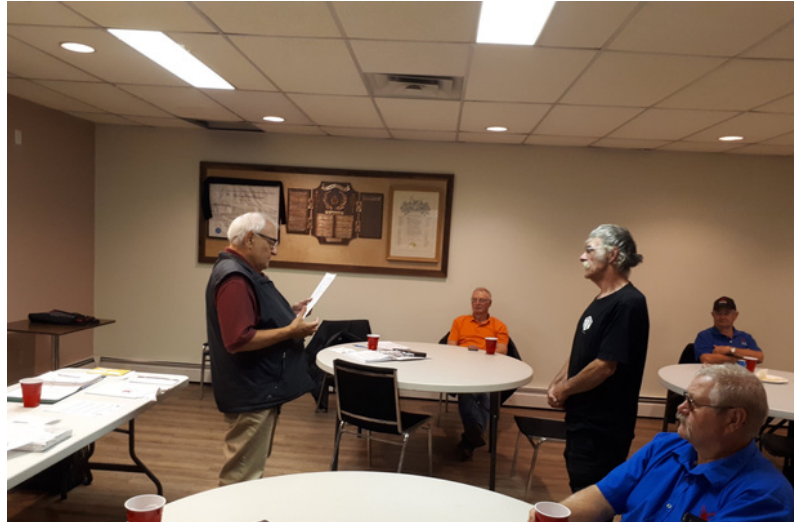
Are you interested in trying it out yourself but worried that you might look "silly"?

Well trust us, when we say Let's Learn TOGETHER!

The Association is looking for all interested members who would like to be part of the Patrol Teams and we are looking for members that would like to be able to support Lodges in each Zone of the Association.

If this idea intrigues you please email Sister Lynda and one of the Association Executive will connect with you.

Elk Point Welcomes New Members



What a great start to the month! Welcome to the new members of the Elk Point Elks Lodge #460

Our regular Lodge meeting went very well, Tuesday, October 4th. We had 17 members present out of our total membership of 27.

Awesome!

Besides having a great supper and then going through the usual business, we Initiated our newest member, Blair Planmondon. Welcome aboard. Welcome Brother Blair!

Warner Elks & Royal Purple Elks

Warner Elks and Royal Purple Elks presenting cheques to the Warner Winter Fun for local children (play and learn program) Here also is the writeup from Becky and Tracy.

Exalted Ruler Marty Kirby, Warner Elks Lodge #222, presenting a cheque to Becky Doenz, president of the Warner Winter Fun (play and learn program) for children from the tri community's of Warner, County of Warner and Milk River.

The Warner Winter Fun program would like to graciously thank the Warner Royal Purple #72 and the Warner Elks Lodge #222 for their very generous donations towards our program. It is having generous organizations in our community like these that allow programs like ours to continuing running and providing enriching opportunities for our young children.



Where are they Hiding?!



The Alberta Elks Association needs your help!

We are trying to find the location of the various Association, District and Zone trophies. Do you have one in your basement? Perhaps on a shelf waaaaay in the back? Did you put them in a box in your garage? Or are they stored in the lodge?

If you know where abouts of any of the trophies we need you to run, DON'T WALK! and ask that you send Sister Lynda an email with the trophy name and its location- even if it is in Brother Earl's basement covered in cobwebs!

At this time, we are just trying to see who has what and where it all might be. We appreciate your help in restoring our memorabilia to the Association, Zones, and Districts!

Like Hide and Seek..but better!



Do you have a "stash" of Regalia hanging out at your house, your Lodge or some little corner of the world that is collecting dust bunnies?

Do you wish you could pass it along to someone?

The Association has a possible solution in mind but FIRST! we need to know who has what and where is it.

We are asking Lodges across the Association to send us a list of available items including Fetz's and hat boxes, jackets, pants, tassels and anything else you may have available and send that into Sister Lynda at the Association office.

Stavely Royal Purple Elks Celebrates 75 Years



The Stavely Royal Purple Elks Lodge #99 is proud to mark our 75 Anniversary in 2022. As part of the celebration, a float was beautifully decorated and entered in the parades in our three local communities of Nanton, Claresholm and Stavely. Members who have belonged to our Lodge for over 50 years, were recognized and asked to ride on the float in one of the parades. Charlie was on hand to offer us his congratulations on being a vibrant Lodge still actively serving our communities.

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Meet Sir Walter



For anyone that was following the naming of the Sundre Elks mascot, here is the update! Congrats to Brittany for the great name. Make sure to say HI! to Sir Walter the next time you're at the Lodge.

McLennan Royal Purple Elks



McLennan RPE – donation to The Society of the Sacred Heart Ladies Auxiliary for \$288.00 to purchase a EMS 2000 Analog NMES – Muscle Stim Unit for use with Physiotherapy of Patients.

Oh The Places He Will Go!



Our Grand Exalted Ruler has been spotted! The Coronation Elks 360 were honored to host our Grand Exalted Ruler Brother Leonard Shain from the Sherwood Park Elks #481 and our District Deputy Brother Eugene Thuroo from the Hanna Elks #451 as well as a number of special guests at our monthly meeting. The GER left impressed with our involvement in our community with the Santa Parade, Remembrance Day services, Kids Can Catch and our most recent project the Kids Can Play program.

The Coronation Elks are proud to be part of a community that has supported each event. We have great volunteers that are always willing to help us out and we are always open to have new members join our organization.

Cam Cervo of Strathmore, Fas Gas Gift Card Winner!



Strathmore Elks Lodge

It has been a busy year for the Strathmore Elks Lodge #491. The Elks have provided catering and bartending services for several events which have allowed the Elks to donate much needed funds to local community groups. The Strathmore Elks donated \$1,000 to each of the following community groups over the past several months.

Jumpstart Program thru Canadian Tire-Strathmore. Jumpstart funds activities that remove barriers for children from families in financial need to participate in sport and play.

Cystic Fibrosis Canada – Calgary and Southern Alberta chapters. Cystic Fibrosis is the most common fatal genetic disease in Canada. Cystic Fibrosis impacts all the major organ systems, including the respiratory and digestive systems. Over 4,300 children and young adults in Canada are living with this devastating disease. There is no cure.

The Friends of Carseland – funds raised for updates to the Carseland School Playground which serves as a hub for families within and surrounding Carseland.

Chestermere Food Bank – Feed the Need. The Chestermere Food Bank has 11 programs designed to support the community including several that provide nutritious snacks and meals to children in need.

Calgary Quest School - CQS provides special education services for children who struggle in a traditional classroom setting.

On Thursday September 15, 2022; the Strathmore Elks hosted the 4 th annual Oilmen's Fall Golf Classic at the beautiful Strathmore Golf and Country club. By tee off time; the Elks treated 136 hungry golfers to a BBQ pork on a bun lunch with all the fixings! Special thanks go out to Brother Sean Duthie who was the main organizer of the event and Brothers, Mike Ramsey (Master Cook), and Mark Stoodly for the BBQ pork. Thanks to Brothers, Erwin Nycholat, Skip Wolstenholme, Gerry Stasiuk, Dave Weisenburger, Bill Jones, Tony Giasson, Gus Cammer and Fred Sweere for help in organizing and serving the lunch. All money raised is returned to support local community initiatives.



Brothers Irwin Nycholat and Skip Wolstenholme present a cheque for \$1,500 to the executive of the Strathmore Food Bank.



Brothers Irwin Nycholat and Skip Wolstenholme present a cheque for \$1,500 to the executive of the Strathmore and Wheatland County Christmas Hamper Society.



Brothers Gerry Stasiuk and Tony Giasson with the Strathmore Elks lodge 491, present a cheque for \$2,500 to Carol McLeod with the Wheatland Crisis Society. The society is a pillar in the Strathmore community offering support and services to women, men and children affected by abuse.



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PLEASE READ IN OPEN LODGE

Electronic Funds Transfers

You can electronically transfer funds to the Alberta Elks Foundation for any of the following –

- Lodge donations to the Foundation
- Lodge donations to ISTAR
- Tabs for Tots sales of tabs and other metals (sell your tabs and metals at your local scrap metal dealer and e-transfer the funds to the Foundation. So much easier than sending a cheque).
- Mighty Lil Elks project
- Toys project

PLEASE use the following email addresses to send funds to the Foundation –

Donations to the General Account – albertaelksfoundation@gmail.com

Donations to the Gaming Account (and from your Gaming Account) –
Albertaelksfoundation.gaming@gmail.com

Designate in the memo box where your funds are to be posted to.

Note - Donations cannot be accepted by the Alberta Elks Association.

Tabs for Tots

Is your Lodge selling Foundation tickets in the malls or hosting other functions? Tabs for Tots brochures and tabs boxes are available for distribution. Consider using our float (for free) to attract customers.

Grants

Did you know that your Lodge can apply for a general, personal assistance or tabs for tots grant anytime throughout the year? Do you have a child who needs a special device for school? With the help of minimal dollars from your Lodge and the Foundation, you can make that child's schooling so much easier. Is your minor hockey club or seniors' club needing equipment to help them keep active? As long as the dollars you are applying for are for community use, you can double your contribution to that project just by applying to the Alberta Elks Foundation. One dollar (yours) plus the Foundation dollar equals two dollars!!

We want to have every Lodge apply for funds this year, no matter the size of the grant (up to \$5,000 which must then go to the annual general meeting for approval). Get active in your community and find some project to get your Lodge's name out!!

Raffle

Your Lodge should have received your raffle ticket package by now. There are changes as required by AGLC so be sure to read those carefully and contact Margo Ward if you have any questions.

Edson Elks Lodge Pin Night



Alan Biron
20 years of service



PDDGER Ken Biron Presenting
Edson Elks ER Neil Weisser with
his 30 year pin



Claudette Romaniuk
40 years of service



Elaine Weisser
60 years of service

THANK
YOU



Alf Weisser
65 year of service

Edson Elks



The Edson Elks Lodge #87 provided cake for the free soup and sandwich for seniors. This was held at the Pioneer Cabin drop in center. Left to right are members of the Edson Elks Alf Weisser, Elaine Weisser, Claudette Romaniuk and Ken Biron

Top Seller



District Deputy for district 12; Terri Read; presents a certificate of recognition to Strathmore Elks Lodge #491 Exalted Ruler; Greg Whitley; in recognition of 479 raffle ticket books sold during the 2021/2022 fund raising campaign.

Dance & Silent Auction

FUNDRAISER

Faith for Myles

OCTOBER 15

@ The Elks Hall
Sundre, AB

DOOR PRIZES
\$5 DRINKS
FREE ENTRY
MIDNIGHT SNACK

**SILENT
AUCTION**

6pm-10pm

DANCE

830pm-130am

MUSIC PROVIDED BY



MINORS ALLOWED TILL 8PM

TABS for TOTS



What is Tabs for Tots?

Tabs for Tots is a program of the Alberta Elks Foundation and created in 2000.

Since its inception, the program has collected over 58,266 pounds of tabs, 123,876 pounds of other metals for the program.

As a result, the Tabs for Tots program has been able to donate pediatric medical equipment to our local hospitals. The items are typically intended for delivery rooms, nurseries or pediatric wards.

How Can I Help?

Collect and save the "tab" off of beverage cans as well as other recyclable materials.

For more information please call;

Cell: 403-872-6023

Email: elks.secretary@abelks.org



Increasing Elks Lodge Membership Get Help from Current Members

1. Host a "bring a friend" meeting

Encourage members to bring someone. This could even be a recurring event so that new members are continually bringing new friends!

2. Reach out to former members

Some people might be ready to come back.

3. Encourage members to share your newsletter

Especially if they're featured in it!

4. Invite members' families to events

Spouses, siblings, parents, and (grown-up) children are all potential members (depending on the type of membership you offer).

5. Help members develop an "elevator speech" about their membership

Why are they members? What's the biggest benefit of membership? Can they explain the purpose of the club?

6. Ask your members for recruitment ideas

They may have an idea you haven't thought of before, or know about opportunities within their own social networks.

7. Offer club business cards to your members

It's an easy way for them to point people to your club and share more easily with their network. Tyler Matlock Wright of Fort Worth Mothers of Multiples says, "Member referrals are a big source for us. We give our members "business cards" to hand out to prospective members when they meet them. The cards have a line for the referral source so the member gets credit for referring someone new."

8. Offer an alternate meeting time to attract people with different schedules

Is your meeting time leaving out a whole group of people, like those with 9-5 jobs or early bedtimes? Switch up your offerings to attract more people.



District Deputy Lawrence Pidluzny has put on his thinking cap and is sharing ideas on increasing membership!! Here are the first 8 ideas with more to come!! Thanks Lawrence

